

REMARKS

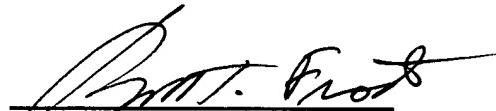
Claims 3-44, 46, and 47 are amended to remove multiple dependencies, thereby avoiding payment of the surcharge for submitting a multiple dependent claim and placing those claims in condition for examination on their merits.

Claim 45 is cancelled without prejudice, and new Claims 48-54 are added. The remaining original claims are also revised to better define subject matter the applicant considers as his invention and to avoid instances of wording possibly indefinite according to U.S. practice. Claims 1-44 and 46-54 remain for examination.

The Applicant respectfully requests entry of the forgoing amendments before the Office calculates the total amount of filing fee require for this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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